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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
 See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/845,836
Filing Date	April 30, 2001
First Named Inventor	Ajit B. Dandekar et al.
Group Art Unit	1764
Examiner Name	Thuan D. Dang
Attorney Docket Number	2001B036

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 on the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

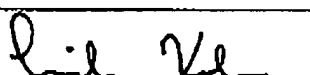
2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-1712
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other - Any other required fees _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)


SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCEAMENDMENT UNDER 37 C. F. R. 1.312Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability and Examiner's Amendment dated November 15, 2002, Applicants wish to continue prosecution of the application as initially filed. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Notice of Allowability to expire on February 18, 2003 (February 15 and 16 falling on a weekend and February 17 falling on a federal holiday), this amendment is being filed in a timely manner. Please amend the claims as follows and consider the ensuing remarks below.

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